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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT--Attn: Daveina B. WILLIAMS
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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) mailed August 9, 2006, applicants submit a Second Preliminary Amendment in which the **correction required is limited to only the corrected section** relating to the "Amendments to the drawings" in that the amended drawing sheets submitted on October 11, 2005, were not properly identified in the top margin as "Replacement Sheet," "New Sheet," or "Annotated Sheet" as required by 37 CFR 1.121(d).

Amendments to the Drawings.

Three (3) "Replacement Sheets" of drawings are attached hereto. Each sheet of drawings is identical to the PCT application drawings as filed EXCEPT the client/matter number of the PCT application found in the left upper corner of the drawings has been removed.